Identification of Gulf Habitat – St. Petersburg - 7/10-12

Major Actions:

1. The team agreed to establish a Bathymetric subcommittee to coordinate existing bathymetric data and initiate a gap analysis. The members of the team are:
Robbie Wilson NOAA
Jim Byrd – FLFWC
Lisa Robbins – USGS
Jeff Lilycrop – USACOE

2. PHINS will have a common ontology, based upon NatureServes classification scheme but will take into account, GAME and NBII classification. A common ontology will define the vocabulary with which queries and assertions are exchanged amongst PHINS. Ontological commitments will be made to use the shared vocabulary in a coherent and consistent manner. The Ontology Subcommittee for Technical Coordination and Integration was formed and includes: Becky Allee – NOAA, Kathy Goodin – Nature Serve, and Chris Cretini – USGS

3. The ID of Gulf Habitat team indicated a need for assistance from the Environmental Education group to hold metadata training, and PHINS User Training workshops. The EE committee has already volunteered to assist us. We will be scheduling a second meeting with the committee to scope out our specific needs, and further details. Additionally we requested the EE committee's assistance in the marketing of PHINS

Minor Actions:

1. Becky and Diane will send all those present at the meeting an email version of our Habitat Identification Strategic Management Plan and Spreadsheet, and meeting notes.

2. Oyster Reef Data - Texas has an Oyster Reef Data Base – Larry McKinney will send this to PHINS contacts. Robbie Wilson of NOAA notified the group that they are about to complete an extensive Bathymetric Data over a 50 year time period, which can be loaded into PHINS.

3. Base Maps for PHINS are being worked on and will be set up with a "tailored" look for each of the 5 Gulf States, based upon the States input.

4. MERMAid in the Standard Metadata format for PHINS. NOAA NCDDC has already begun metadata training in both Mobile, AL and in several Texas areas. They will be hiring 10-15 students next summer through their Intern Program established through the Northern Gulf Institute. These students could be used for Metadata input and training assistance to the five Gulf States.

5. Data behind firewalls will not be addressed until much later and until all accessible public data is loaded and/or accessed through PHINS.

6. PHINS will be data based, and will not expand to have a project based –link.